

DEMAND ON-CAMPUS PARKING



PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS—Cecil Zaun, safety commissioner for the Los Angeles City Schools, and President William J. McNelis study problems brought up by Vern Carstensen (standing), spokesman for irate neighbors of Valley who object to the barricade of cars parked in front of their homes by Valley students. Student parking on Fulton Avenue blocks homes daily during heavy class hours.

—Valley Star Photo by Arline Ballonoff

Neighbors Protest, Seek College Action

By JOEL SCHWARZ, Star Editor

The parking problem, which has been mounting since last September, came to a head at a recent meeting between 20 local residents, college administrators, and Cecil Zaun, safety supervisor for the Los Angeles City schools. Protesting against students parking in front of their homes on Fulton, Hatteras and Hillview avenues, the residents demanded swift action in cleaning up the problem.

"College students monopolize the parking areas in front of our homes

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from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.," exclaimed Vern Carstensen, spokesman for the citizen's committee.

"Valley has the parking facilities, which we, as taxpayers, paid for. But Valley doesn't use them. Everything is for the convenience of the college, nothing is for the convenience of the taxpayer and the resident," affirmed Carstensen.

Many local residents complained that they can't "entertain guests because parking is not available within

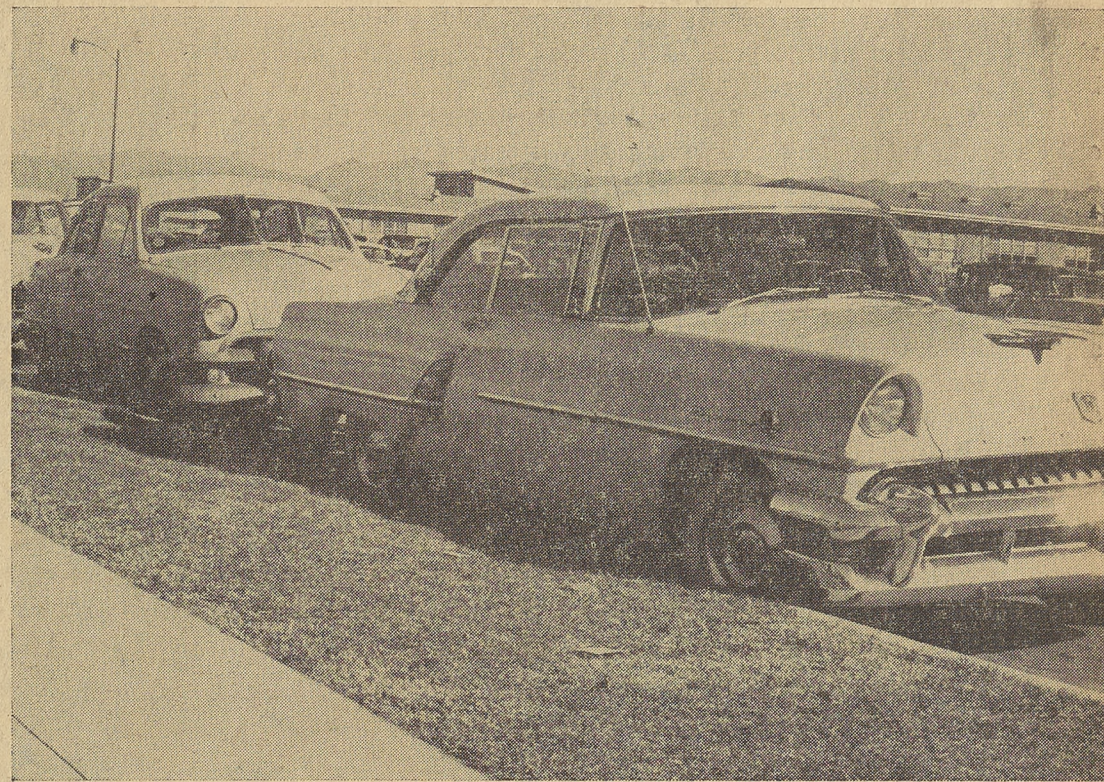
several blocks of their homes and that guests have to enter homes through back allies and doors."

"We were here first," Carstensen said. "We didn't ask for this college to be built here."

"As taxpayers, local residents have spent much money to build the college and buy the property it stands on," continued Carstensen.

Zaun, who terms Valley's parking facilities as the best any junior college in the country has, sees only one solution to the problem—two-hour parking zones on the west side of Fulton.

Zaun admits, however, that the Van Nuys police would have to patrol (Continued on Page 3)



ROOM WITH A VIEW—A neighbor's view of Valley shows why the irate homeowners are unimpressed with Valley's boast that there are parking spaces for all on campus. Actually, campus lots are far from full, but the telltale stickers on car windshields show that many Valley students are unimpressed by the empty parking spaces in the back lot with a block-long walk to classes.

—Valley Star Photo by Joel Schwarz

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Technician's Course Offered Next Fall

By FRANK L. KAPLAN, Star Staff Writer

To keep abreast with the vast expanding industries of the San Fernando Valley, the engineering advisory committee recommended that a new course be offered in the future for engineer technicians. Commencing in the fall semester of 1960, a new drafting and design curriculum will be offered by the engineering department, according to Maurice Deutsch, chairman of the department.

"Today, more than ever before, there is a great need for technicians which act as a liaison between the engineer and the skilled worker," said Deutsch.

Members Present

Valley's administrators, some faculty members of the engineering department and prominent leaders of the San Fernando Valley industries were present at the four-hour luncheon meeting.

Prospective engineering technicians will follow a similar course of instruction as is offered to the engineering majors, except that the course will last only two years and will offer more specialized courses in drafting and design, according to Deutsch.

The advisory committee expressed the opinion that although the future technicians need specialized training, they also need a thorough background knowledge of academic subjects.

Appointed as chairman for the committee meeting was Dr. George Harness, division of sciences and ma-

thematics at San Fernando State College. Other members of the committee included C. J. Brous, Atomic International engineering department director; John E. Evans, Radioplane development laboratories director; J. Kadushin, Lockheed Aircraft electronics and engineering supervisor; and L.W. Toham, General Metals Corporation chief engineer.

Survey Comprehensive

Valley College representatives included President William J. McNelis; Dr. Steward Marsh, dean of instruction; Deutsch; and Gordon Fay and Glenn Thomas, engineering instructors.

At this occasion, McNelis also made the announcement regarding a complete survey that will be taken in the near future of the employment needs in San Fernando Valley's industries.

McNelis said, "I believe that this will be the first comprehensive survey of the Valley to the extent where the school administration will be able to really foresee the wants of industries in regard to their future employees."

Councilmen Seek Coed Commissioner

Women students interested in student government may apply for the vacant office of commissioner of women's athletics today before noon in the Student Center.

The office will be filled today by the Executive Council at noon.

A minimum 2.0 grade point average and a unit load of at least 10½ are necessary to be eligible for the position.

Wranglers Debate Today

The Quad Wranglers, dubbed Valley's pedestal of public opinion, begins its third semester today with a panel discussion on an editorial in today's Valley Star.

Presented each Thursday at 11 a.m., the Quad Wranglers is an open forum that gives students a chance to discuss and debate topics of interest to them. Any student who wishes to present a subject of interest should contact John Buchanan, speech instructor and Wranglers sponsor, in Room B55.

Plans for the coming semester include Carl Bloice, LACC student, speaking on Brotherhood and its relationship to world peace Feb. 25. The date is scheduled to coincide with National Brotherhood Week which runs from Feb. 21 to Feb. 28.

Gustafson Sees Unity Between IOC, Council

Promise of much needed unity between Executive Council and IOC this semester was voiced by John Gustafson, newly elected associated student body president. Gustafson, former president of EC, polled 64 more votes than Tony Sydes, last semester's student body vice president and president of IOC. The vote count was 411-347.

"This semester Executive Council will try to work more with IOC to better understand their problems," said Gustafson. "Several joint sessions have already been planned."

News Spreads

Spreading the news by word of mouth and students being reached so many times, especially in extended

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day classes, was attributed as the cause of the largest vote turnout in the college's history.

"It may be that the students are becoming interested in student government," said Gustafson.

Although the 772 vote turnout was 31 higher than the 741 votes cast in the fall of 1955, it represented only eight per cent of the total college enrollment. Last spring 580 votes were cast.

Eight Offices Unopposed

Of the 13 offices on the ballot, eight ran unopposed. The office of commissioner of women's athletics was uncontested. This office will be filled today by council appointment if a candidate is found who meets the approval of the women's physical education department.

Running unopposed for commissioner of elections, Brad Hight gained the largest number of votes with a 625 total. Hight had filled this office when a vacancy occurred last semester.

List Results

For the office of associated women's president, Eveline Morris defeated Nadine Kerner, 264-103.

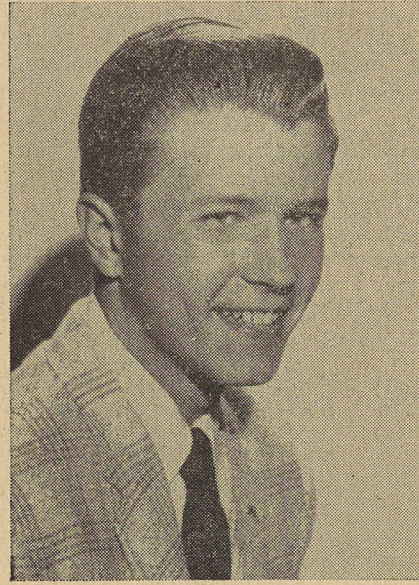
Bill Bordon polled 275 votes as opposed to Steve Matthews' 266 for commissioner of men's athletics.

For the commissioner of scholastic activities Bob Stephens registered 334 votes to Selma Feldman's 242.

Kit Bissinger gained 586 votes for commissioner of social affairs as opposed to incumbent Sharon Carter's 166.

Harry Samuels retained the office of ASB treasurer, registering 530 votes running unopposed.

Also running uncontested for their offices, Allen Haim balloted 427 for ASB vice president, Dave Stein 532 for commissioner of publicity, Bob Fields 338 for AMS president, Judy Mertz for commissioner of assemblies and rallies, Leslie Fricke 614 for ASB secretary and Nick Singer 461 for coordinator of campus activities.



JOHN GUSTAFSON Promises Unity

Budget Must Cut \$3000

Due to decreased attendance in day and extended day, the proposed spring budget for 1960 must be cut an additional \$3000 before final approval today by the Executive Council, according to Conley Gibson, head bursar.

Associated student membership, from which an estimated income of \$41,000 was expected, has fallen far short of expectations, said Gibson. Approximately 125 day and 1200 more extended day students were anticipated.

Entertainment took the largest cut for the spring semester. Monarch Day, originally budgeted for \$12000, was eliminated completely. Overall entertainment was cut \$1805 from \$9142 in the spring of 1959.

List Business Hours Campus Facilities

Valley College offers its students the use of many on-campus facilities. They include the cafeteria, open 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; library, open 7:45 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 4 p.m. Friday; bookstore, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday (for the first two weeks of the spring semester, open from 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.); and the Student Lounge, open 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Other facilities include the hash lines, open 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; the test and found, open 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; student center, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; placement bureau, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Program Shuffles Haunt Administration

Accompanying the total registration of 9800 is the familiar problem that faces the administration, one of program changes. "Students do not realize everytime they change their program it costs the taxpayers about \$2 for the clerical work involved," said Robert J. Nassi, dean of admissions and guidance. These program changes amount to a great expense when you consider that approximately 1000 students change their programs each semester, he added.

Of the total, 6200 students are enrolled in extended day classes, according to Donald W. Click, dean of extended day.

"A student must have a valid reason in order to change a class," said Nassi. "A student will not be permitted to change classes because the class interferes with his working hours," Nassi said.

Students who wish to change classes must do so today or tomorrow. The best time for this is after 1 p.m., said Nassi.

"When we close a class our office has already placed five extra students in the class. This is done to make up for the students that drop out of

classes during the first few weeks," said Nassi.

"Students should not miss a class in order to make a program change. They should take a number and return when they have a free period," said Nassi.

The total enrollment for the spring semester is about 200 applicants less than the previous semester, said Nassi. This decrease was expected, he added.

No 'Fables' Accepted by Counselors

By PAT WILLETT Star Staff Writer

Students will find the admissions office a hard shoulder to cry on during program changes, according to Robert J. Nassi, dean of admissions and guidance.

"Most of the reasons given by students are important, but we just can't take care of them on an individual basis," said Nassi. "Most problems could have been solved in the first place if students had used a little foresight."

Only a few justifiable reasons for changing classes are recognized by the office of admissions. Among them are cancelled classes, need to repeat grades, misprogramming, class hours (Continued on Page 3)

Dancers Get First Call

Robert MacDonald, music teacher at Valley, and his dance band will provide the music for the Welcome-St. Valentine's Day dance to be held in the Women's Gym Saturday night.

The dance, being sponsored by Valley's Associated Student Body, will start at 9 p.m. and end at 12 a.m., said Mrs. Nena Royer, dean of student activities at Valley.

Sporty dress and one student body card per couple is all that is required to gain admission to the dance. Free refreshments will also be offered.

Monarchs Greeted

Cooperation Asked

It is a pleasure to extend to each of you a cordial welcome to Valley College.

You will find that your classes will be stimulating and challenging. We take pride in the excellence of our instructors. They are competent in their respective subject fields, genuinely interested in the welfare of their students and dedicated to the maintenance of high academic standards. You will be given every opportunity to obtain an education here.

You will soon learn that the college provides for a full and meaningful program of co-curricular activities in which we hope you will participate.

We have always been proud of the students who have attended Valley College. The records which they have established upon becoming employable in local industry and business, or upon transfer to colleges and universities, have been excellent. Valley students have always been enthusiastic, friendly, loyal and interested in the welfare of the college.

Make it possible for us to be proud of you by fully accepting the responsibilities of a student at Valley and by taking full advantage of the opportunities which are yours.

WILLIAM J. MCNELIS President, Valley College

Welcome, Monarchs:

This week we start a new semester and a big semester—most of us have finally learned the difference between the Foreign Language building and the Physics building, so we can feel complacent there.

But there is no room for complacency in student government or student activities this semester. We need the support of each and every one of you, and the more enthusiastic your support the bigger and better the year will be for all of us.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite each and every member of the Associated Students to attend the meetings of the Executive Council, which meets at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Student Center.

Also, should any of you wish to speak with me, I will be available at my office in the Student Center at the following hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12 to 1:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Please feel free to call on me at any of these times.

Again I welcome you all, both new and old students, and I pledge my efforts and support in your behalf.

JOHN GUSTAFSON ASB President

Soundproof Booths, Earphones Aid Foreign Language Students



EAVESDROPPER—Georgene Quenzer pays close attention as Angelo Villa, chairman of the Foreign Language Department, operates the master console in the new foreign language lab. The switches enable an instructor to listen or talk to any of 36 students in individual soundproof booths.

—Valley Star Photo

'All the News ...'

Freedom of the press, even on the junior college level, is a newspaper's most valuable asset. When a paper is threatened with the loss or partial loss of that privilege, it learns the true value of freedom of the press.

Last week the Star faced a situation which infringed on the rights of freedom of the press—suppression of complete student body election returns.

Mrs. Nena Royer, dean of student activities; Kermit Dale, assistant dean of student activities; and John Gustafson, associated student body president, requested that the complete results of the recent ASB elections be withheld from publication in the Star, because they might be embarrassing to one of the candidates.

The Star believes, however, that complete election returns should be published after every school election and be made available to the student body.

The Star's code of ethics (which appears below in its entirety) says, "...as well as full coverage of all activities and events of this campus. It is the Star's unquestionable right to determine what shall be printed."

Possible embarrassment of a defeated candidate is not sufficient reason for suppression of the news. Continuing in its independent policy, the Star will continue to bring all the news of Valley College to the student body.

—JOEL SCHWARZ

'Don't Fence Us In'

Fences, as a barrier to keep students in or out, are non-existent around the seven junior colleges of Los Angeles.

However, this policy of "non-encirclement" of colleges may soon come to an end at Valley, if a small minority of the student body persists in the folly of alienating the local residents.

This small minority of students has steadfastly refused to make use of the ample parking facilities on campus. Meanwhile, it has "moved in" across Fulton avenue and monopolizes all of the public parking along the west side of the street from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

This selfish lazy minority, which parks on Fulton so that it can save a few steps on the way to class in the morning or at night, will be to blame if a fence is erected along the western border of the college.

At the present time, a fence along Fulton is seen as the only method of preventing students from parking along the west side of the street, by local residents.

Unless Valley students realize the importance of parking on campus and the maintenance of good community relations, Valley may find itself surrounded by a curtain of metal links like any junior high or grammar school.

—JOEL SCHWARZ

Star Code of Ethics

(Editor's Note: As a guide to new students and a reminder to returning Valley College students, the Valley Star prints again its Code of Ethics.)

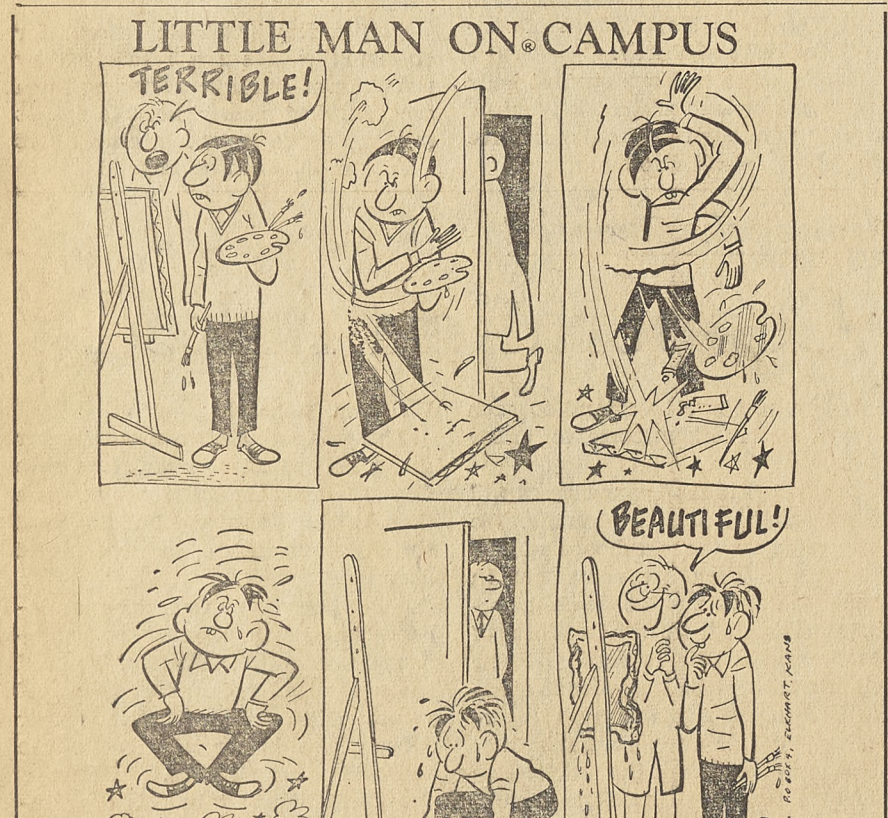
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While the Star's primary purpose is to publish news accounts of activities, events and persons connected with Valley College, it is the privilege of the editorial staff to extend these functions to include publication of the opinion of the students to express a constructive editorial policy.

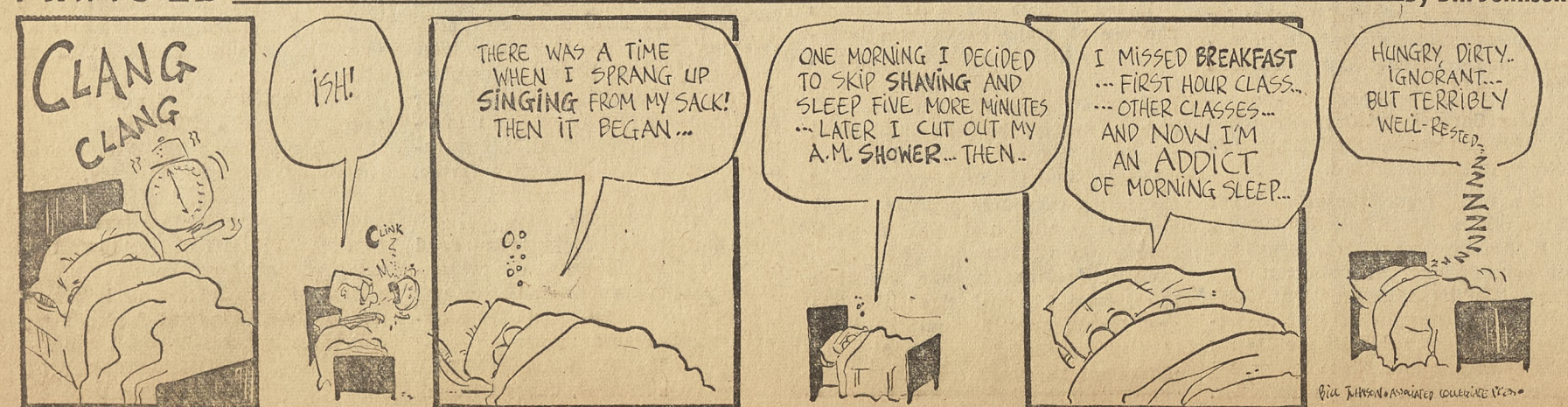
The policy of this newspaper shall be independent; it shall seek to uphold the finest standards and highest ideals of journalism, while endeavoring to contribute to the betterment and growth of Valley College.

Truth, accuracy, sincerity and fairness shall prevail as well as full coverage of all activities and events of this campus. It is the Star's unquestionable right to determine what shall be printed. (The publication of propaganda under the guise of news shall not be permitted.) Crime news will be played down.

Statements made by faculty members will not be quoted without the consent of the person being quoted. The Star will not invade private rights or feelings without substantial constructive grounds for doing so. The act of retracting false or malicious statements shall be considered a privilege as well as a duty. Any staff member who uses his influence for a selfish purpose is a discredit to the position he holds and shall be obliged to relinquish it.



ARNOLD



By Bill Johnson



Gone With the Wind?

Castro Called 'Emotional Nationalist' Playing With Dynamite by Instructor

Cuban Premier Fidel Castro is an "emotional nationalist" who is "playing with dynamite," said Dr. Arnold Fletcher, history instructor.

However, Dr. Fletcher doubted that Cuba would ever turn to communism under the Castro regime, despite a "strong leftist drift." He explained that Cuba faces economic chaos if she ever carries her land reform project too far.

"Castro is quite similar to Nasser in Egypt," said Dr. Fletcher. By this statement he explained that they both are taking steps to reclaim and redistribute large land holdings to the people.

In response to the recent seizure of an afternoon daily newspaper, Dr. Fletcher said, "It is inconceivable, historically speaking, that a government just in power would not take steps to protect itself against counter-revolutions or assassination plots."

Control of Avance, an afternoon daily critical of the Castro regime, was given to its employees after publisher Jorge Zayas refused to append "Clairifying notes" to stories the journalists and printer unions considered



FIDEL CASTRO
Playing with Dynamite

unfair or unethical to the government.

Many observers of the Cuban political scene fear that this control by the workers will extend to other businesses, according to a news dispatch from Havana.

As long as Cuba remains econom-

ically dependent to the United States, Dr. Fletcher believes the Cuban government will not take steps which might prove to be detrimental to their economy.

He has noted, however, that the US is sending sterner communications to the Castro regime, which may indicate that Cuba is nearing the US's boiling point in diplomatic relations.

Castro's land reform project entails seizure of all land holdings over and above a certain acreage, depending upon its use and eventual distribution to landless peasants. The owners, largely United States sugar and cattle ranch owners, will be paid in 20-year government bonds.

US businessmen with interests in Cuba are apparently willing to concede to the land seizure, but they are opposed to the compensation plan, which they claim is unjust to them.

When asked if Cuba would ever become a communist satellite, Dr. Fletcher said he definitely did not think so. He cited distance as the prime factor if it were possible that Cuba became pro-communist. All of the present Soviet satellites form a contiguous link, he added.

Lion's Roar

New Monarchs Welcomed

Editor:

At the onset of the semester I would like to welcome our new Monarchs and express my thanks to the old for their support in the recent election. I would also like to ask your future support in attendance at Valley's social functions.

I would appreciate any suggestions concerning up-coming events. Thank you once again. See you on the dance floor?

KITTY BISSINGER
Comm. of Social Affairs

How To Be a Knight

Editor:

Even this early in the semester, my brother Knights and I have been asked by Valley students, both old and new, how one goes about applying for membership in the Valley Knights.

As expressed in the Knight's constitution, membership in the organization is based upon evidences expressed of both leadership and of school service.

There is no membership in the Knights by application; all members are voted upon and then, if approved, invited to become members and brother Knights.

Nomination for membership, and the ensuing vote, is based upon the activities of the individual in question—student government, club or IOC activities and general interest in and service to Valley College.

Very few people who demonstrate leadership and service potential are overlooked by our membership. From the first part of each semester, we are observant, anticipating the time when we will consider a man for membership.

Therefore, if a person is interested in Valley College, if a person desires to increase his potentialities for leadership, and if a person would like to be considered for membership, my best advice is to become active on our campus and help Valley College maintain its position as the finest junior college in the state of California.

ANDY NOWELL
President, Valley Knights



Valley Forge

By Joel Schwarz, editor

A Change in Philosophy

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

At Valley a philosophy of all work and no play seems to have become dominant and has replaced the old-fashioned "friendly college" philosophy which was in evidence only a few months ago.

This disappearance of the "friendly college" atmosphere seemed to trigger off a reaction against several traditional events, Monarch Day and Fiesta.

These two student activities apparently have been shuttled off to limbo as the college assumes its new "all work" philosophy.

Monarch Day, an event of long standing, was taken of the student activity calendar because administrators and several student leaders believed it wasn't serving its purpose.

Monarch Day has no other purpose than that of welcoming new students to Valley. Simply because Valley is bigger than it used to be and Monarch Day can't be the same close gathering as it was in the past is no reason to cancel the event.

Fiesta is not such a lost cause as Monarch Day is. A spring event of unspecified nature has been calendared.

Last year Fiesta came under fire because the liquid products that prohibition is now famous for were in evidence on campus.

To most students, Fiesta is the springtime equivalent of autumn's homecoming. A spring without a Fiesta of some sort would be like the Fourth of July without fireworks or Thanksgiving without a turkey.

At the present, a faculty-student committee is being formed to formulate a plan for a Fiesta which would-

n't have the carnival atmosphere of previous spring events.

This carnival atmosphere, along with the prohibition products are thought of by many club advisers and administrators as a detriment to the college. They are in many respects, but in theirs they simply reflect the college student himself.

Valley's new "all work" policy is a good thing in itself, but it shouldn't remove the vestiges of the old "friendly college" days. One also shouldn't lose sight of the proverb which opened this column, because all work and no play will make Jack a dull boy.



Cifarelli

By Tony Cifarelli, club editor

Women's Place at Home

Each election year controversy centering around old issues that have been hashed and reshaped innumerable times arise anew. This year the situation is the same.

Recently, Clare Booth Luce, former Ambassador to Italy, wrote an article regarding the election of two vice presidents—one a man and the other preferably a woman.

This article appeared in Miss Luce's monthly column "Without Portfolio" in the February issue of McCall's Magazine.

This seemingly simple idea would immediately bring to light several problems if put into effect.

First, a Constitutional amendment would be required for the change. A bill would have to be introduced, passed by a two-thirds majority in both houses and ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures. With the abundance of men in these positions, this seems an impossible task.

This, however, is a problem which could conceivably be overcome. If this occurred other factors would enter into the matter.

Who would take over if the president should die? Also where would the division of responsibility be?

Miss Luce believes that the vice presidents should be elected to shift the burden of White House responsibilities from the shoulders of the president.

Richard Hendricks, Valley history instructor, disagrees with this statement.

"The vice president's only Constitutional duties are to preside over the Senate and take over if the president dies. He usually gets the dirty work of the president."

"Women are most able for the job, but they have two strikes against them," Hendricks continued. "Men don't want a woman above them, and most men believe a woman's place is in the home."

More presidential assistants and extra cabinet members are needed to assist the president, not the creation of an "Extra" vice president, said Hendricks.

Scepticism was also raised by Dr. George Herrick, Valley English instructor.

"I doubt if it will ever materialize," said Dr. Herrick. "It's a long way off in the distance."

Complications would arise with two vice presidents, he added. "If any disagreement arose, who would be considered right?" In the past the vice presidential post was looked upon as semi-retirement used to shelve political leaders, he concluded.

There is nothing in the Constitution that forbids a woman to hold any elective or appointive office. After each year a higher percentage of women are nominated and elected, according to Mrs. Luce.

The best qualified man or woman, regardless of color or creed, should be considered.

According to Mrs. Luce, the four basic qualifications for office are personal experience in practical affairs, actual military experience or association with the military, economical and financial know-how and a proven knowledge of international affairs.

But not one of the women in politics can meet these basic requirements as well as several of the possible Democratic or Republican candidates.

Women can, in theory, be considered the equals of men in politics but not in practice.

This semester the column will rotate between Arline Ballonoff, feature editor; Dan App, club editor; and me, news editor.

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Soundproof Booths

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classes in which they participate very little.

"The new system will improve learning from 40 to 100 per cent," said Angelo Villa, chairman of the foreign language department.

The \$20,000 facility at Valley is part of the National Defense Education act of 1958 to promote better learning facilities in the nation's schools.

The laboratory system was developed during the last war to train military men, soldiers and diplomats in foreign languages for service in foreign countries.

The foreign language department is not the only one to profit by the use of the lab, according to Villa.

"Occasionally the music department sends singers to us for correct pronunciation of foreign lyrics," he said. "With this new lab they can listen to recordings with the correct pronunciation and compare it to recordings of their own pronunciation."

Test Lab

The lab makes an ideal test facility for all subjects, Villa pointed out. A cover folds down over the equipment, providing a writing table in each booth. Separate soundproof booths isolate students for testing purposes. Oral tests can be administered individually without interrupting writing tests going on in the same room.

"Faculty members of the foreign language department sometimes feel that they are losing their language background or want to do extra work on their own," continued Villa. "With the lab they can go in whenever there is a booth free and work without disturbing the work in progress."

The lab also provides access to tutor-recording training in languages not offered in regular classes at Valley. The department has tapes in Italian and Arabic to work on, even though the subjects are not ordinarily taught on campus.

In foreign language classes themselves there are several definite advantages to the new facilities.

Students can easily make up missed classes with the use of the tape played at that class session.

Students Exposed

In ordinary classes, students are exposed to the faulty pronunciation of classmates who give oral answers. In the new lab, the only pronunciation they will hear is that of the instructor, the recorded voice on the tape and their own.

In addition, every student can hear the instructor's voice distinctly without strain. There is 100 per cent class participation from every student, without the necessity of taking turns reciting in class.

The equipment itself is as versatile as the many benefits it brings about. In general, there are three main methods of using the equipment, all of which may be used at once in different booths if desired.

In the Listen-Repeat-Playback method, the student listens to the master tape from the instructor's console and responds orally. Both voices are taped at the student's booth. He then plays back the tape to compare his pronunciation with that of the instructor.

Listen and Answer

The Listen-and-Answer method is basically the same, except that the student does not record the conversation. The student can either translate the materials coming to him via the tape or answer questions in either English or in the subject language. The instructor, by using his control board, can tune in on students individually and check the accuracy of their answers.

The Dictation method develops the student's aural comprehension and teaches him to write the language when he hears it.

In addition, the cultural-historical material normally presented with language courses can be administered orally, thereby improving aural training and vocabulary growth and helping the student gain a full understanding of the country studied.

"Even more important than the mere speed-up (of learning) is the fact that lab-trained students are invariably better in all phases of language training than the non-lab-

trained students," said Villa in a report to the Los Angeles Board of Education.

Valley is one of three junior colleges in the city system with a foreign language lab. Such facilities are already in use in more than 200 colleges and nearly 50 high schools in the nation.

"The system is like a multiplication of the instructor," said Villa. "He no longer needs to divide himself among 35 or more students at once. He is now able, by using pre-recorded materials, to give individual attention to everyone in his class."

Plans are now underway to schedule all foreign language classes to one hour each week in the lab. Students wishing to put in extra time will be able to come in during special free hours, according to Villa.

"We have been working as fast as possible to make records for instruction," concluded Villa. National agencies are also working to provide a national library and clearing house for such master tapes.

School Staff Gains Four

Four new teachers have been added to Valley College's teaching staff for the spring semester, announced Dr. Stewart Marsh, dean of instruction.

New instructors include Dr. Alice Catalyne, Mrs. Sullamith Marcus, Ernest P. Maulk and Mark D. Lit.

Lit, who will become an economics instructor, is replacing Harry E. Beck, absent on sabbatical leave. A graduate of USC where he received his Masters Degree, Lit comes to Valley after 12 years of teaching at Fairfax High School.

Dr. Catalyne and Mrs. Marcus will instruct in math and music, respectively, for the spring semester only. They will fill in for Lauren Rhoades, also on sabbatical leave.

Mrs. Marcus attended Morningside College (Iowa) for her Bachelors Degree and Iowa State College where she earned her Masters Degree. She recently taught at the University of Chattanooga.

Dr. Catalyne received her Bachelors and Masters degrees at Occidental College and holds a Ph.D. from SC, where she formerly taught.

Maulk, who did his graduate work and obtained a Masters Degree at the University of Texas, will instruct as a probationary teacher in theater arts.

Election Results

President	YES	NO
John Gustafson	411	
Tony Sydes	347	
Lew Ortiz	9	
Marie Broadous	1	
Carmen Daind	1	
Ian Ehrlich	1	
Lynn Lund	1	
Ed Weiss	1	
Vice President		
Allen Haim	427	48
Secretary		
Lesley Fricke	614	36
Treasurer		
Harry Samuels	530	51
AMS President		
Bob Fields	338	37
AWS President		
Eveline Morris	264	
Nadine Kerner	103	
Comm. of Assemblies and Rallies		
Judy Mertz	567	54
Coordinator of Campus Activities		
Nick Singer	461	40
Commissioner of Elections		
Brad Hight	625	37
Commissioner of Publicity		
Dave Stein	532	41
Comm. of Scholastic Activities		
Bob Stephens	334	
Selma Feldman	224	
Commissioner of Social Affairs		
Kat Bissinger	586	
Sharon Carter	166	
Commissioner of Men's Athletics		
Bill Borden	275	
Steve Matthews	266	
Total Number of Votes		
Votes Cast	772	



FAITH STRONGER THAN IRON—Dr. Vera Soper, Valley College instructor, helps mother, Mrs. Alma Kasparecs. This is the first time they have seen each other since World War II. Mrs. Kasparecs was also met by Rev. Oscar Kleinbergs and accompanied by Daniel Tourand, senior agent of the Scandinavian Airlines.

—Valley Star Photo by Arline Ballonoff

No Fables Accepted

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courses or change courses because of changed, work hours that force a student to change from day classes to night or vice versa and lack of prerequisites for the class.

"If the reason a student gives is not justifiable, we just don't approve the request for change of program," declared Nassi.

General education major Lyvi Kalb and students Jerry Sater and Carole Hammer are examples of many students who wish to change classes because they feel they have too many or too few units.

"This is not a reasonable request so early in the semester," answered Nassi. "After a student has attended classes for several weeks, it is possible that he may find himself with too little or too much work. But if a student can tell that after one meeting of his classes, he should have been able to foresee the problem when he made up his program several weeks ago."

Good Reasons Honored

Political science major Mike Grobstein found work and school hours incompatible and requested a change of program. Nassi honors some such requests as valid, but points to working statistics which show that most students manage to make hours meet in advance.

"Approximately 55 per cent of Valley students are working and another 15 per cent are looking for work," said Nassi. "If 70 per cent of the students can work and arrange their programs to fit, there is no excuse for unnecessary last-minute changes due to conflicting hours."

Requests to change instructors or classes because a student simply does

Council Cup Awards to Four

Four Valley College students received Council Cups Awards during the Presidents Banquet held at the Sportsman Lodge. William J. McNelis, Valley College president, presented cup awards to Eve Barber, Sharon Carter, Tony Sydes and Dave Burbank for outstanding service.

The Council's Service Award, presented by Paul Cocciant, former student body president, went to Joanne Brown, Andy Nowell, Cliff McMullan, Marshall Nemoy and Joel Schwarz. Cocciant also received a President's Ring from Mrs. Nena Royer, dean of student activities.

Following the ring presentation, new members of the student body were installed to their new officers by Cocciant.

not like the class are never valid, according to Nassi.

Many students want to know why they can't get into a closed class when students drop out. Nassi explain that to get an ideal class of 40 students, a maximum of 45 students are enrolled.

"This allows for drop-out, program changes and students who never show up," he continued. "It would be impossible to keep a tally of closed classes if we changed it every time a student dropped out."

Problems Occur

The problems of program changes are not restricted to Valley, according to Nassi. The problem is so widespread that some groups are attempting to put to the state legislature a bill allowing schools to charge students \$1 for every change of program.

"Every time a student changes a program, it costs the taxpayers a minimum of \$3 to \$5," said Nassi. "This money is taken up by clerks, supplies, counseling time, class tickets, tickets for instructors' boxes, time to notify instructors, attendance records and extra help hired for program-changing duties."

In addition, instructors can't start classes immediately because students are still going in and out of classes.

"Change of program is a cancerous growth on the education system," declared Nassi.

Tuesday, the first day of program changes at Valley, brought nearly 500 students to the attendance office with change requests. At \$5 a throw, it is a sickening total that the taxpayers will face by the time the program ends tomorrow.

Monarchs Meet

TODAY
Executive Council—12 noon, Student Center

TOMORROW
Basketball Conference, Valley vs. East LA—8 p.m. Men's Gym

SATURDAY
Basketball Conference Valley vs. Long Beach at Long Beach—8 p.m.
Valentines-Welcome Dance — 9-12 p.m., Women's Gym

MONDAY
Knights Meeting — Faculty Dining room, 7 a.m.

TUESDAY
Lettermen B53—11 a.m.
Forensic Society—B55, 11 a.m.
French Club—Foreign Language 102, 11 a.m.

IOC Meeting—Student Center, 11 a.m.
Executive Council—Student Center, 12 noon

Basketball, Valley vs. SC Frosh—8 p.m., Men's Gym.

Strong Faith and Hope Penetrate Iron Curtain

By FRANK L. KAPLAN
Star Staff Writer

A dream that seemed almost an impossibility came true for Dr. Vera Soper and her 76-year-old mother when they were reunited Saturday at the International Airport after being separated for over 15 years.

Wearing a native Latvian shawl, bundled in a heavy fur coat and furlined overshoes, Mrs. Alma Kasparecs stepped off the Scandinavian Airliner at 1:40 p.m. into the California sunshine to begin her new life of freedom, after a four-year struggle with Soviet authorities on the part of Dr. Soper.

"I tried everything to bring my mother from behind the Iron Curtain," said Dr. Soper, a foreign language instructor at Valley, "but the Latvian Communist authorities did not answer my requests.

Separated From Parents

Dr. Soper was first separated from her parents during World War II when she was forced to go to Germany and work in a foreign labor camp in an ammunition factory.

At the end of the war she escaped from the labor camp to Wiesbaden in Western Germany where she received employment with the American government as an interpreter because of her knowledge of six languages. They include French, Russian, German, Spanish, Latvian and English.

While still in Germany she married Eldon V. Soper and came to the United States as a citizen in 1948. Immediately she enrolled at SC to work on her doctor's degree in German literature, which she finished soon after.

Coming to Valley College in 1955, she has taught mainly German and is now the sponsor of the German Club. She makes her home with her husband in Van Nuys.

Soon after World War II, Dr. Soper made her first contact with her mother by using an assumed name so as not to endanger her mother's safety, as the Stalin regime was strongly

persecuting people with relatives or friends outside the Iron Curtain.

Latvia Restricted

Latvia, at that time, was particularly difficult to penetrate through mail or by person as it was a restricted area for all westerners, according to Dr. Soper.

But making occasional contact through some "little notes," as she refers to them, Dr. Soper received news of her father's death, thus leaving her mother to take care of herself.

"Only because of some good friends helping my mother and I being fortunate enough to send her packages, was she able to survive," said Dr. Soper.

Following Stalin's death, international relations between the United States and Soviet Union eased a little and Dr. Soper began writing letters to Latvian authorities regarding her mother's situation.

She even wrote a letter to Russia's First Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan when he was visiting the United States but there was no reply.

Finally, as a last effort, she wrote to Vice President Nixon, prior to his journey to Moscow, a letter of appeal to discuss her mother's case with the Russian authorities.

"When the letter came from Mr. Nixon and was followed by a confirming letter from my mother which stated that she was allowed to come

Club News Deadline Tuesday Afternoon

All club news for publication in the Valley Star must be turned into the Valley Star office before 2 p.m. Tuesday.

This year no reporters have been assigned to cover club meetings. Therefore, clubs should submit all publicity material to the club editor before deadline.

The Valley Star office, Bungalow 33, is located along Burbank Boulevard.

Good Knights!

Honor Service Club Inducts 11 at Installation Banquet

The Knights held their semi-annual installation banquet recently, to welcome 11 members to the organization and present awards to worthy individuals for their service to the school and community.

New members included Joe Al-leghetti, Ted Aquaro, Mike Ceraso, Damon De Crow, Dan Fapp, Roger Graham, Brad Hight, Mike Kuhn, Harry Samuels, Larry Superfine and Ted Woodson.

It is the custom of the organization that each semester one of its members is presented with an award for his outstanding service to Valley. These awards were given to Associated Student Body President John Gustafson and the other to Frank Kaplan, journalism student.

New club officers were also introduced at the meeting.

Coronets Install New Club Officers

Installation of officers for the Coronets, women's honor society, was held at the home of the club's sponsor, Mrs. Ann Martin, last Friday.

Leslie Fricke won the presidency, while Maureen Coultas won the vice president spot. The other officers elected were Arline Ballanoff, recording secretary; Marlene Field, corresponding secretary; Linda Jorgensen,

treasurer; Barbara Schiffrin, sergeant at arms; Nadine Kerner, parliamentarian; and Marjorie Berry, IOC representative.

Patrician Club Meets Today

The Patrician Club, which last year provided leadership in planting trees on campus, will hold its regular meeting Thursday.

Students, who would like to have a social and service interest at Valley by joining the Patricians, may see Wilford Jenks, faculty adviser, in Room 2 or attend Thursday's meeting at 11 a.m. in Room B6.

International Club Promotes Good Will

Promotion of good will among all people of the world is the goal of the Valley College International Club, which invites all students at Valley, foreign as well as American, to participate in the club activities, said James Roy, president.

In the coming weeks, of the club has planned to have many dances, parties and various other social events.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month in Room 40.

to America. I just didn't have words to describe my happiness," said Dr. Soper.

And so, after flying with a volunteering nurse from Rega, capital of Latvia, Mrs. Kasparecs flew alone through Stockholm and over the North Pole to be reunited with her daughter after so many years.

Although she cannot speak English, she expressed her happiness and gratitude through Dr. Soper's translations.

"I just wasn't aware that people can still be so willing to help, be so friendly and kind. This first impression will be the one main thing that will stand out in my mind forever."

And now, for the first time, Mrs. Kasparecs can see and understand the real meaning of the word "freedom" about which she had been wondering and for which thousands are still praying behind the Iron Curtain.

Parking

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the area quite thoroughly for a month or so to make the signs effective.

No Compromise

"We do not have to compromise," said an irked Carstensen.

"Why should we be penalized by not being able to park in front of our own homes for more than two hours," demanded other residents.

Several citizens suggested the idea of erecting a chain link fence along Fulton Avenue to discourage Valley students from parking in front of homes.

This fence would make it more inconvenient for students to park across the street from Valley.

Student in Right

"We can't force students to park on campus," said William J. McNelis, president of Valley College. "I can't legally suspend or expell any student for parking on Fulton avenue."

Carstensen also accused Valley students of using the interior road which runs parallel to Fulton Avenue on campus as a weekend drag strip.

There are 3200 parking spaces on Valley's campus, according to McNelis.

"We have a parking problem because some people are unwilling to park where they are supposed to and take a short walk," said McNelis.

Inner Drive Observed

In an attempt to improve the parking situation, the interior street will be reserved for faculty and staff parking, south of the library, and the old faculty parking lot will be completely opened to students.

This change of parking areas, which includes the painting of numbers on faculty and staff spaces, is expected to be completed and put into operation by Monday.



Monarch Placement Bureau

Jobs for Men

STOCK CLERK: paint store. Noon to 5 p.m. & Saturday. \$1.25 hr.

MAGAZINE VERIFIER. 3 to 7 p.m. or 4 to 8 p.m. \$1.25 hr. Burbank, Glendale, La Crescenta areas.

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY. 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. Burbank area. Car nec.

GENEAL LABOR: check tube testing equipment. Two full days per week. Car necessary.

Jobs for Women

PIANO ACCOMPANIST. For a creative dance class. Tues. a.m. & Wed. & Fri. afternoons. Must be able to improvise.

STENO. 1 p.m. to 4:30 or 5 p.m. \$1.25 hr. Sun Valley area.

CLERICAL. Part time hours to be arranged. Prob. \$1.15 hr.

For more information regarding jobs, please see Mr. Rhoades or Mrs. Van Meter in the Placement Bureau, Bungalow 1.

Crown Gets New Theme

"Jubilee," commemorating Valley's 10th anniversary celebration, is the theme set for the 1960 Crown, according to Pat Willett, yearbook editor.

The theme will cover Valley's growth during the 10-year period and will reflect that growth with a larger, more complete annual. More pictures are planned for this year's annual than any other year, with a goal of getting as many students as possible into the yearbook.

Dozens of candid pictures of the campus are being included to bring in students who are not pictured in the club or graduate divisions. An index at the back of the book will allow students to find themselves and their friends in an instant throughout the pages. In addition, many students will find themselves in candid shots throughout the book.

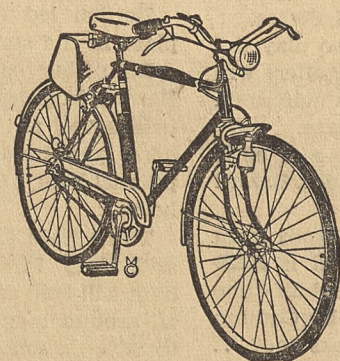
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Valentine Welcome Dance

Women's Gym
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SATURDAY NIGHT — 8 P.M.

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